INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>00Y-068</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: March 1, 2000

MANUFACTURER: Volkswagen of America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: John Von Hollen, Product Compliance Team

Wolfgang Groth, Process Team Leader

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SUBJECT: 3,000 Volkswagen 1992-1995 Audi S4, and S6 model vehicles manufactured from September 1991 through August 1995. A fuel feed line connecting the fuel filter to the engine can prematurely age and shrink through exposure to high under hood temperature caused by the turbocharger. This can result in fuel seepage at the connection. VWaA Recall No. RY.

This is an <u>initial</u> acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE99-065, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current quarter began January 1 and ends on March 31, 2000. If owner notification occurs during this period, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226 or by FAX (202) 366-7882 Recall Analysis Division Mr. Wolfgang Groth Process Team Leader Volkswagen of America, Inc. 3800 Hamlin Road Auburn Hills, MI 48326 NSA-11paw 00V-068

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Dear Mr. Groth:

We have reviewed Volkswagen of America, Inc.'s (VWoA) Defect Information Report dated March 1, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 3,000 VWoA 1992 through 1995 Audi S4, and S6 model vehicles manufactured from September 1991 through August 1995. A fuel feed line connecting the fuel filter to the engine can prematurely age and shrink through exposure to high under hood temperature caused by the turbocharger. This can result in fuel seepage at the connection. The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-068 (Audi Recall No. KY).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE99-065, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

VWoA is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current quarter began April 1 and ends on June 30, 2000. If owner notification occurs during this period, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief Recall Analysis Division Office of Defects Investigation Safety Assurance